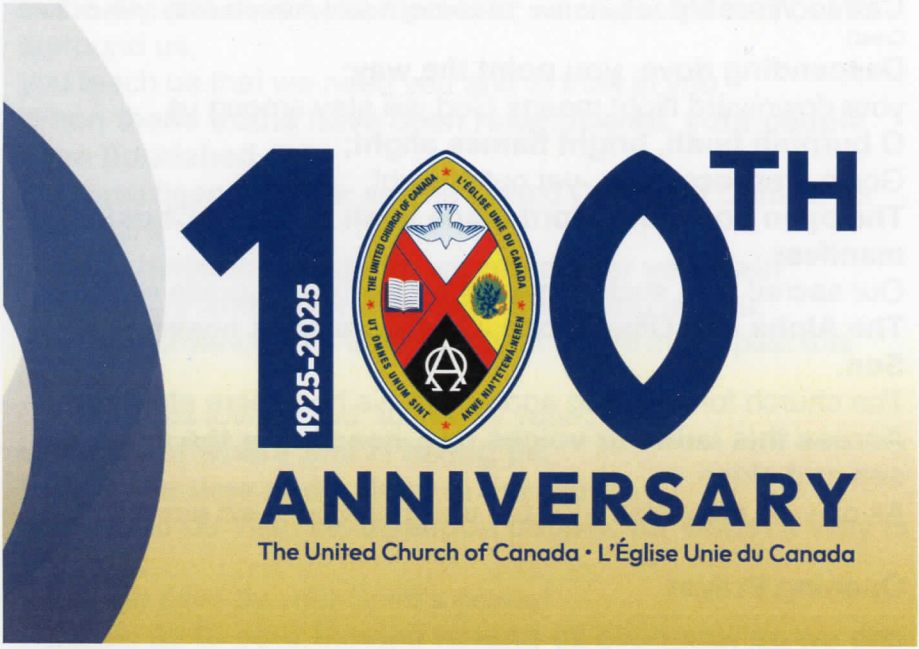
# Roland United Church




June 8, 2025

**Roland United Church**
**Centennial Celebration of the United Church of Canada**
**June 8, 2025**

**Welcome**
**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Hymn VU#315 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty**

**Call to Worship** (adapted from "Descending Dove" by Cindy Randall) (United Church Crest)
**Descending dove, you point the way;**
your downward flight means God will stay among us.
**O burning bush, bright flames alight;**
God's presence there, yet out of sight.
**The open book, the Word made flesh in Jesus Christ made manifest.**
Our sacred text, such verse will be our faithful guide eternally.
**The Alpha and Omega one, God's precious heaven-gifted Son.**
The church formed long ago will be his body here eternally.
**Across this land our voices rise, heard over the earth and sea and skies.**
As one we sing, so may it be: we praise our God eternally.

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn VU#331 The Church's One Foundation**

**Children's Time/ Lord's Prayer**

**John 17:20-23** (King James)
**Message 1 In the Beginning**
**Prayer** (from *the Inaugural service of The United Church of Canada, June 10th, 1925)*

**Hymn/scripture Psalm 100- VU#820 Make a joyful noise**
**Message 2 Growing the Church**
**Prayer**

**Hymn VU#602 Blest be the tie that binds**
**1 Corinthians 12: 12-27** (The Message or NRSVUE)
**Message 3 Into the Future**

**Responsive Prayer**
Holy One,
**We are your church, your people gathered.**
Since the beginning, you have been with us.
In the dry and desert-like moments, when decline and death surround us,
you teach us that we need you and to trust in you.
**When these truths have been remembered, your people have flourished.**
We have been together as The United Church of Canada for 100 years.
**On this historic threshold, we remember yet again that we live and move and have our being in you.**
It is time to dance with the Holy Spirit as we move past this moment.
Empower us loving God, to live by your Spirit,
**Unafraid of where She is taking us.**
**Now is the time to dig deep in our faith!**
**To dare to be Your resurrection people, for Christ's Way is our way.**
Let us be alive by your Spirit's power!
**Awaken us to your moving among us even now so we can boldly follow your call into tomorrow. Amen**

**Invitation to Share Our Gifts**
**Offertory Doxology VU#541 Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow**
**Dedication of Our Gifts**

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn VU#402 We Are One**

**Grace** **VU#546 Be present at our table, Lord** (tune VU#541)

**Mission Statement**

***God calls us…***to commit ourselves to use our gifts
in service and witness to Jesus Christ,
strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

***We seek,*** as a congregation, to live God's love and teachings
in our daily family and church lives
and to reach out quietly in faith to others.

**Benediction** (99th Centennial Service, Seeds for our future)

**Passing the Peace**

**One:** The peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**